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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
QUARTER MASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Wheeling, December 31st, 1863.

To His Excellency, A. I. Boreman, Governor:

SIR:—I have the honor to make the following report of the operations of this Department, from September 23d, (the date of my appointment,) to December 31st, 1863, inclusive. When I entered upon the duties of this office, Thomas Hornbrook, Esq., Military Agent for your Excellency, had charge of the property of the State. At different times he has turned over to me, by your order, all the property reported as received in the statement herewith transmitted, marked "D." With the exception of (415) four hundred and fifteen light French rifles and accoutrements, and (20,000) twenty thousand elongated bullet cartridges, cal. 58 in., transferred by Col. Dan l Frost; (400,000) four hundred thousand elongated bullet cartridges, cal. 69 in., received from John B. Butler, M. S. K., at Allegheny Arsenal, Pittsburgh, Penn'a, and (500) five hundred smoothbore muskets, found at the court house in this city.

The light French rifles and Belgian rifled muskets and accoutrements, are new and in a serviceable condition. The remainder of the property, with some few exceptions, has been more or less used, and many of the guns are broken and entirely worthless.

The arms found at the court house, were issued to the militia, and when not in use, thrown into the basement of the building, where they became entirely unserviceable from rust. I have had them properly cleaned, and they are now in a serviceable condition. The statement herewith transmitted, marked "A," showing the issues to West Virginia regiments in the service of the United States, were made to arm and equip the 4th regiment of cavalry, they not having been armed by the United States authorities. The guns were issued by your agent prior to the 23d of September. After that date, one company was armed with Smith's carbines, and the remainder of the regiment furnished with accoutrements for the arms already issued. The property (statement "A,") has been reported to the Ordnance Department at Washington, as issues to the United States, and credit asked for the same. As yet, no reply has been

received. Statement "B," issues to independent companies of scouts in the service of the State. It will be seen that these companies have been armed with one of the most effective guns now in use.

Statement "C," issues to the militia of the State. This statement includes the issues to several companies of volunteer militia in the service of the State, but attached to some regiment of militia.

The expenses of this Department, as shown by statement "E," have been greater than I anticipated, owing to the high rents that I have been compelled to pay for warehouses, and necessary expenditures incurred in organizing this Department.

I regret to report to your Excellency, the impossibility, on my part, to report the number and condition of the arms in the hands of the militia. No papers have been furnished this office, from which a statement could be made; and the Regimental Quartermasters, who have been ordered to report, have not done so, or have rendered very imperfect ones.

I am, Governor, Very Respectfully, your Ob't Serv't,

GEO. W. BROWN,

Q. M. Gen'l, W. Va.

"A."

Table of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores issued to West Va. Regiments in the Service of the United States.

DATE.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	Smith's Carbines and Accoutrements complete.	Accoutrements complete for Belgian Rifle Muskets.	Smith's Carbine Cartridges.	Elongated Bullet Cartridges, Cal. 58 in.	REMARKS.
1863.						
Oct. 1,	Capt. J. L. Simpson.					
	Co. B, 4th W. Va. Cav.	40		2,000		
Oct. 14,	Col. N. Wilkinson.					
	Comd. 6th W. Va. V. I.				20,000	
October 28,	Lt. Col. Sam'l Snider.					
	Comd. 4th W. V. V. Cav		800			Guns issued to this regime't prior to my appointment.
	Issued to Dec. 31, 1863.	40	800	2,000	20,000	

"B."

Table of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores issued to Independent Companies of Scouts in the service of the State.

DATE.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	COUNTY.	Light French Rifles and accoutrements complete.	Elongated Bullet Cartridges, Cal. 58 inch.	Elongated Bullet Cartridges, Cal. 69 in.
1863.					
Oct. 1	Capt. Geo. L. Kennedy,	Jackson,		2,000	
" 15	Capt. Michael Rollison,	Upshur,	50	2,000	
" 15	Capt. John Johnson,	Jackson,	11		
" 22	Capt. John Johnson,	Jackson,		3,000	
" 27	Capt. Wm. Ellison,	Calhoun,	26	1,000	
" 27	Capt. Wm. Logsdon,	Wood,		2,000	
" 30	Capt. Hiram Chapman,	Calhoun,	25	1,000	
" 30	Capt. Wm. Gandee,	Roane,	25	1,000	
Nov. 14	Capt. J. L. Kesling,	Upshur,	25	1,000	
" 27	Capt. G. W. Vaught,	Wirt,		1,000	
" 27	Capt. H. S. Sayres,	Doddridge,			1,000
" 28	Capt. G. M. Yeager,	Barbour,	26	2,000	
Dec. 4	Capt. N. G. Lambert,	Tucker,	23	1,000	
" 8	Capt. N. Alltop,	Marion,			1,000
" 15	Capt. W. R. Spalding,	Wayne,	26	2,000	
" 15	Capt. Jesse Jaco,	Preston,	25	2,000	
" 16	Capt. H. S. Sayre,	Doddridge,	25	2,000	
	Issues to Dec. 31, 1863,	------ ---	287	23,000	2,000

"C."

Statement of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores issued to the Militia.

DATE.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	COUNTY.	Light French Rifles and accoutrements complete.	Belgian Rifled Muskets and accoutrements complete.	Elongated Bullet Cartridges Cal. 58 in.	Elongated Bullet Cartridges Cal. 69 in.	Buck and Ball Cartridges.	Colt's Holster Pistol Cartridges.	Gun Caps.	Rifle Powder, (kegs.)
1863.										
Sept. 28	Col. S. Haymon,	Harrison,		200		8,000				
" 28	Col A. P. Davisson,	Harrison,		400		16,000				
" 28	Capt. Dan'l Glasscock,	Marion,		30		1,000				
Oct. 1	Capt. John Wells,	Pleasants,					2,000		2,500	
" 2	Capt. C. W. Nutter,	Ritchie,			1,000					
" 3	Capt. Geo. Thompson,	Ohio,		75		1,000				
" 7	Capt. E. C. Harper,	Gilmer,	10		2,000			180	2,000	1
" 7	Capt. Wm. Potter,	Ohio,		50						
" 8	Capt. John H. Bush,	Gilmer,			2,000					
" 15	A. D. Nuzum,	Harrison County Scout,	1		40					
" 15	E. Bee,	Doddridge,		25		1,000				
" 29	Capt. J. W. Allison,	Hancock,		55		1,000				
Nov. 2	Capt. Jas. McKinney,	Ritchie,			1,000					
Dec. 8	Capt. E. C. Harper,	Pendleton,							500	
" 10	Capt. John S. Bond,	Hardy,	30		2,000					
" 15	E. R. Hall,	Marion,	I							
" 22	Capt. E. C. Harper,	Pendleton,	15		2,000					
	Issues to Dec. 31st, 1863,		57	835	10,040	28,000	2,000	180	9,500	1

"D."

Table of Ordnance, Ordnance Stores and Quartermaster Stores, issued and remaining on hand.

	Received.	Issued.	Remaining on hand.
Iron Guns, 10 pounders,	2		2
Belgian Rifled Muskets,	3,700	835	2,865
Light French Rifles,	496	344	152
Austrian Rifles,	19		19
Smith's Carbines,	40	40	
Smooth-bore Muskets,	810		810
Old Rifles,	24		24
Enfield Rifles,	4		4
Rifled Muskets,	46		46
Minnie Muskets,	9		9
Springfield Rifled Muskets,	3		3
Flintlock Muskets,	108		108
Cartridge Boxes,	6,269	2,012	4,257
Cartridge Box Plates,	6,243	1,941	4,302
Cartridge Box Belts,	5,750	1,645	4,105
Cartridge Box Belt Plates,	5,570	1,715	3,855
Waist Belts,	6,362	1,972	4,390
Waist Belt Plates,	6,333	1,978	4,355
Gun Slings,	6,975	1,971	5,004
Cap Pouches and Cone Picks,	6,294	2,012	4,282
Bayonet Scabbards,	6,731	1,635	5,096
Carbine Cartridge Boxes,	15		15
Carbine Slings and Swivels,	133	40	93
Brush Wipers with Thongs,	40	40	
Ball Screws,	300	65	235
Cones, or Gun Nipples,	3,417	1,028	2,391
Screw Drivers and Cone Wrenches,	4,454	1,027	3,427
Gun Wipers,	4,104	987	3,153
Spring Vices,	695	197	498
Ball Pouches,	34		34
Sergeants' Swords,	28		28
Sergeants' Swordbelts and Plates,	27		27
Cavalry Swords, Belts and Plates,	2		2
Bullet Moulds,	66	4	62
Army Scales,	1		1
Bass Drum, Sling and Sticks,	1		1
Tenor Drum, Sling and Sticks,	1		1
Fife,	1		1
Army Blankets,	522		522
Elongated Bullet Cartridges, cal. 69 in.,	459,000	30,000	429,000
Elongated Bullet Cartridges, cal. 58 in.,	310,000	53,040	256,960
Buck and Ball Cartridges, cal. 69 in.,	23,150	2,320	20,830
Smith's Carbine Ball Cartridges,	39,065	2,000	37,065
Austrian Rifle Cartridges,	2,000		2,000

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	Received.	Issued.	Remain'g on hand.
Sharp's Rifle Cartridges,	300		300
Colt's Navy Pistol Cartridges,	2,000		2,000
Colt's Holster Pistol Cartridges,	1,900	180	1,720
Harper's Ferry Rifle Cartridges,	700		700
Rifle Powder, (kegs,)	13	1	12
Musket Caps,	59,350		59,350
Rifle Caps,	9,500	9,500	
Lead, (pounds,)	55		55

"E."

Expenses of this Department, from September 23rd, to December 31st, 1863, inclusive.

DATE.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT SERVICE.	Dolls.	Cts
1863.				
September.	Capt. John H. Bush,	For subsisting hostages	13	60
September.	J. Clemens,	" Office desk,	20	00
Oct. 5	Alex. Turner,	" Packing boxes,		25
Oct. 7	Steamboat "Buck,"	" Transportation,	1	00
Oct. 8	Balt. & Ohio R. R. Co.,	" "	81	26
Oct. 15	William H. Nicoll,	" Stor'g 400,000car'gs	10	00
Oct. 15	T. S. Spates,	" Storage,	7	00
Oct. 22	Steamboat "Gem,"	" Transportation,	1	50
Oct. 27	Steam't "Emma Boyd,"	" "	3	20
Oct. 27	John F. McDermot,	" Printing,	36	50
Oct. 27	Balt. & Ohio R. R. Co.,	" Transportation,	43	28
Oct. 29	C. & Pittsb'g R. R. Co.,	" "	1	60
Oct. 29	J. C. Orr & Co.,	" Packing boxes,		70
Oct. 31	William H. Nicoll,	" Services to date,	39	00
Nov. 1	M. Reilly,	For Rent of Powder House for the month of October.	10	00
Nov. 1	John Bahu,	" Sundries,	1	37
Nov. 2	L. W. Starkey,	" Services,	4	00
Nov. 2	S. Ott, Son & Co.,	" Sundries,		35
Nov. 2	J. Thoburn,	" One stove,	10	00
Nov. 3	John Reid,	" Rent of wareroom,	20	00
Nov. 3	L. W. Starkey,	" Services,	2	50
Nov. 4	A. Stutler,	" "	3	00
Nov. 4	Steamb't "Allegheny," Belle,	" Transportation,	2	00
Nov. 5	L. W. Starkey,	" Services,	1	36
Nov. 5	Henry Hoop,	" Drayage,	1	45
Nov. 7	J. A. Armstrong,	" Sundries,	2	74
Nov. 30	Wm. H. Nicoll,	" Services,	30	00
Nov. 30	John Sherwood,	" Clean'g 500 musk'ts	60	75
		Forwarded,	$408	30

"E" Continued.

DATE.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT SERVICE.	Dolls.	Cts
1863.		Amt. bro't forwasd,	$408	30
Dec. 2	Wm. Paxton,	For Rent,	41	66
Dec. 5	John Karney,	" Drayage to date,		50
Dec. 5	Geo. McGee,	" Drayage to date,	1	90
Dec. 8	M. Reilly,	" Rent,	10	00
Dec. 10	Balt. & Ohio R. R. Co.,	" Transportation,	30	45
Dec. 12	Balt. & Ohio R. R. Co.,	" Transportation,	4	24
Dec. 18	Steamboat "Gem,"	" Transportation,	2	00
Dec. 23	Henry McMillen,	" Drayage,	11	75
Dec. 23	James McCluskey,	" Drayage,	3	25
Dec. 24	O. J. Crawford,	" Packing boxes,	5	50
Dec. 26	Hugh Crockard,	" Drayage,	5	80
Dec. 26	A. P. Franzell,	" Sundries,	21	18
Dec. 29	J. C. Orr & Co.,	" Stationery, books &c	48	78
Dec. 31	Wm, H. Nicoll,	" Services,	30	00
Dec. 31	John F. McDermot.	" Printing,	5	00
Dec. 31	Wm. Paxton,	" Rent,	41	66
Dec. 31	Geo. M. Yeager,	" Transportation,	2	00
Dec. 31	Alex. Thompson,	" Coal,	4	00
Dec. 31	T. H. Logan,	" Sundries,	3	35
Dec. 31	M. Reilly,	" Rent,	10	00
Dec. 31	Balt. & Ohio R. R. Co.,	" Transportation,	11	85
		Amount,	$703	17